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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 187

DATE PREPARED: Dec 5, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Hunting and Fishing License Service Fees.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill increases the service fee that is retained for selling a hunting, trapping, or fishing license.

Effective Date: July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: State revenues from license fees could decrease if the increase in costs of the license results in fewer individuals purchasing a license. The specific impact is indeterminable. License fees are deposited in the Fish and Wildlife Fund which is used to finance the operations of the Division of Fish and Wildlife and the Division of Law Enforcement within the Department of Natural Resources.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: The proposal increases the amount of the service fee that can be retained by clerks of a circuit court from \$0.25 to \$0.75, for a \$0.50 increase per license. For 2000, the DNR sold over 1.2 M licenses. Approximately 96% of the licenses were sold by agents other than the DNR. If all of the selling agents were associated with clerks of circuit courts, the clerks could receive at most an additional \$576,000 (1.2 M *.50 increase * 96%).

State Agencies Affected: Department of Natural Resources.

Local Agencies Affected: Circuit Courts.

Information Sources: Division of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources.